

# ASSEMBLY

## BILLS FOLLOWING LIST FOR 1999-2000 SESSION

October 19, 2000

Bill No.	Author	Law or Code	Summary
<b>AB 12</b> <b>Chap. 531</b> Stats. 99  Sen 25-11 Assm 76-4	Davis	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Requires plans to provide or authorize a second medical opinion when requested by an enrollee or the treating health professional.
<b>AB 26</b> <b>Chap. 588</b> Stats. 99  Sen 22-14 Assm 41-36	Migden	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> creates a domestic partner registration process to be administered by the Secretary of State. Requires a health facility to allow a patient's domestic partner and other specified persons to visit a patient, except under specified conditions. Authorizes state and local employers to offer health coverage and other benefits to domestic partners of its employees and annuitants.
<b>AB 39</b> <b>Chap. 532</b> Stats. 99  Sen 23-12 Assm 43-24	Hertzberg	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Requires plans that provide outpatient prescription drug benefits to provide coverage for a variety of FDA-approved prescription contraceptive methods.
<b>AB 48</b> <b>Chap. 368</b> Stats. 00  Sen 40-0 Assm 75-0	Cedillo	Insurance Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Prohibits Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board from requiring family contributions and co-payments for health care services, including dental and vision care, to children older than 12 months and less than 19 years of age.
<b>AB 55</b> <b>Chap. 533</b> Stats. 99  Sen 30-2 Assm 75-4	Migden	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Establishes an independent review system for resolving enrollee complaints against plans, effective January 1, 2001.

Note: 1. Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), formerly Department of Corporations (DOC), hereafter referred to as Department.  
2. Bills listed as "DIED" did not reach the full Senate or Assembly.

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<b>AB 58 VETOED</b> (1999)  Sen 31-5 Assm 74-3	Davis	Business & Professions Code  Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enrolled:</u> Requires a chiropractor, dentist, osteopath, pharmacist, psychologist, optometrist, or podiatrist who makes a decision regarding medical necessity or appropriateness that denies, delays, or modifies, in whole or in part, any health care service made by a healing arts licensee to possess a valid healing arts license; declares that such a decision constitutes acting within the scope of his or her practice; and provides that any person who, without possessing a certificate to practice medicine, makes a decision regarding medical necessity or appropriateness that denies, delays, or modifies, in whole or in part, any health care service made by a physician or surgeon is guilty of a misdemeanor.
<b>AB 62 Chap. 618</b> Stats. 99  Sen 22-3 Assm 51-2	Davis	Civil Code  Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Amends the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act to: expand the definition of medical information; prohibit the negligent disposal of medical records; and revise the civil damages under the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Creates and establishes fees for a new type of production agency license, called a rental car agent license, which would authorize a rental car company or the franchisee of a rental car company to offer to its customers insurance of an authorized insurer for a specified type of insurance under specified conditions.
<b>AB 78 Chap. 525,</b> Stats. 99  Sen 27-10 Assm 57-20	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Transfers the responsibility for regulating plans from the Department of Corporations (DOC) to the Department of Managed Health Care (Department) within the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency, to become operative on July 1, 2000 or before by executive order.
<b>AB 82 DIED</b>	Cunneen	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Spot bill relating to liability of a plan.  <u>As Amended:</u> Requires the governing body of a health facility (e.g., hospital) to provide written reasons for taking certain actions in connection with medical staff contracts, as specified.
<b>AB 86 DIED</b>	McClintock	Government Code	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Adds the Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Act of 1999 to establish the Bureaucracy Realignment and Closure Commission to examine state bureaucracies and report to the Governor by July 15, 2001 with a recommendation of a list of state bureaucracies that should be realigned or closed.
<b>AB 88 Chap. 534</b> Stats. 99  Sen 31-6 Assm 62-12	Thomson	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Requires plans, on or after July 1, 2000, to provide coverage for the diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of severe mental illnesses for persons of any age and serious emotional disturbances of a child, under the same terms and conditions applied to other medical conditions.

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<b>AB 107 DIED</b>	Knox	Government Code	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Amends the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act to authorize state and local employers to elect to include within the definition of "family member", domestic partners, as defined, who have submitted certificates of eligibility to PERS Board.</p> <p><u>As amended:</u> Prohibits new or additional investments by Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) on or after January 1, 2001 in tobacco companies, and requires divestment of those existing investments by July 1, 2002.</p>
<b>AB 135 Chap. 2 Stats. 99</b>  Sen 27-0 Assm 74-0	Ducheny		<p><u>As Introduced:</u> 1999-2000 Budget Bill.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for certain purposes.</p>
<b>AB 136 Chap. 762 Stats. 99</b>  Sen 22-14 Assm 44-35	Migden	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Requires that an enrollee diagnosed with breast cancer and whose physician or surgeon has determined that autologous bone marrow transplantation, or other commonly recognized breast cancer treatment, is medically appropriate treatment and who has been denied such treatment, will be eligible for the independent review process regardless of whether the recommended therapy is considered experimental or investigational, and regardless of whether the enrollee meets the specified criteria for the review process.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Exempts from criminal prosecution, public entities, their agents and employees who distribute hypodermic needles or syringes to participants in clean needle and syringe exchange projects.</p>
<b>AB 138 DIED</b>	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Requires the Department: (1) on or before July 1, 2000, to allocate grant funding, derived from annual assessment fees on plans (not to exceed \$4 million) and on disability insurers (not to exceed \$1 million), for an independent health care ombudsman program pilot program
<b>AB 142 DIED</b>	Shelley	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Establishes certain duties for the Department in regard to the toll-free telephone number service established in Health & Safety Code §368.02; requires plans to include the toll-free number established in § 1368.02 on a sticker to be provided to enrollees; establishes certain specified requirements for forms provided by DOC; and changes the time period for certain activities related to the grievance process.
<b>AB 174 DIED</b>	Firebaugh	Government Code	<u>As Amended:</u> Establishes the California Teleconferencing Public Network in state government to promote and facilitate domestic and virtual electronic communications between, among others, state agencies and the public.

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<b>AB 187</b> <b>Chap. 405</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 79-0	Hertzberg	Government Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Establishes the Grant information act of 1999. Requires state agencies to make a list of all grants administered by that agency, as well as the applications and instructions, available through its web site.
<b>AB 196</b> <b>Chap. 478</b> Stats. 99  Sen 22-9 Assm 45-33	Kuehl	Family, Government, Unemployment. Insurance, & Welfare & Institutions Codes	<u>As Enacted:</u> Restructures the state's child support enforcement program and transfers administration of this program from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to the new Department of Child Support Services, including the provisions that authorize state agencies to deny the issuance or renewal of a business or professional license or to suspend an existing business or professional license for persons who are in arrears of their child support payments; and requires employers (including state agencies) to begin regular reporting of specified earnings and personal information on independent contractors to the Employment Development Department (EDD) for purposes of child support enforcement or collection.
<b>AB 200</b> <b>DIED</b>	Wright	Knox-Keene Act  Penal Code	<u>As Introduced:</u> Makes it unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, or solicit the sale of plan contracts or specialized plan contracts unless that person is licensed as a life agent by Depart of Insurance (DOI).  <u>As Amended:</u> Amends provisions of the Penal Code relating to gun shows.
<b>AB 215</b> <b>Chap. 530</b> Stats. 99  Sen 27-0 Assm 54-13	Soto	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Requires a plan to approve or deny a health care provider's request to refer an enrollee to a specialist within 24 hours of receiving the request.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Corrects erroneous language set forth in SB 260 (Speier-1999) relating to moratoriums on limited licenses.
<b>AB 217</b> <b>VETOED</b> (1999)  Sen 24-13 Assm 51-28	Wildman	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Requires plans to inform enrollees as to what steps, if any, the plan has taken to provide referrals to physician practices that have substantial experience in the treatment of HIV. Requires that the eligibility requirement for standing referrals to interpreted broadly.
<b>AB 254</b> <b>Chap. 850</b> Stats. 99  Sen 23-12 Assm 69-6	Cedillo	Corporations & Insurance Codes	<u>As Enacted:</u> Requires the Attorney General to consent to a transfer of a nonprofit health facility to another nonprofit entity.

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<b>AB 261</b> <b>Chap. 375</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 76-0	Lempert	Business & Professions Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Authorizes a pharmacist to perform certain procedures or functions in accordance with the policies, procedures, or protocols of a health care facility, licensed home health agency, licensed clinic or physician.
<b>AB 285</b> <b>Chap. 535</b> Stats. 99  Sen 31-5 Assm 68-7	Corbett	Knox-Keene Act  Business & Professions Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Provides that every plan that provides telephone medical advice services to its enrollees and subscribers shall require that the staff employed to provide those services hold a valid license as a health care professional, as specified. Prohibits a plan from operating or contracting with a telephone medical advice service that is not registered with the Department of Consumer Affairs.
<b>AB 351</b> <b>VETOED</b> (1999) Sen 22-14 Assm 49-29	Steinberg	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enrolled:</u> Requires the Attorney General to review and approve mergers and other acquisitions involving plans, to ensure that these transactions do not substantially lessen competition or create a monopoly in California.
<b>AB 368</b> <b>DIED</b>	Kuehl	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Requires plans that provide prosthetic devices to provide prosthetic devices for individuals with low vision.
<b>AB 370</b> <b>Chap. 654</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 68-0	Wright	Family & Welfare & Institutions Codes	<u>As Enacted:</u> Makes changes to improve the responsiveness of the state's child support enforcement program to support obligors, including a requirement that any state agency which has denied, suspended, or failed to renew a license on the basis of a support delinquency to process a release from the local child support agency within five business days of its receipt.
<b>AB 386</b> <b>DIED</b>	Scott	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Reduced from 60 to 45 days the time period required for an enrollee to participate in the plan's grievance process prior to submitting the grievance to the Department for assistance.  <u>As Amended:</u> Amends the Streets & Highways Code to extend the pilot projects to designate and identify certain highway segments as "Safely Enhancement-Double Fine Zones" and impose increased fines for traffic violations occurring within these zones.

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<b>AB 416</b> <b>Chap. 527</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 68-0	Machado	Civil & Insurance Codes  Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Prohibits a provider of health care from releasing medical information related to outpatient psychotherapy treatment to specified entities and individuals unless the entity or individual requesting the information submits a request that contains specified information and representations.
<b>AB 435</b> <b>Chap. 766</b> Stats. 99  Sen 27-8 Assm 77-3	Corbett	Civil Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Limits an exemption from the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act to medical information and records that are directly related to an employee's claim for workers' compensation. Medical records and information that are not directly related to resolving a worker's claim are subject to the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act.
<b>AB 440</b> <b>DIED</b>	Corbett	Business & Professions Code  Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Prohibits a contract between a plan and a provider from containing a withholding provision, as defined, unless certain disclosures are made by the plan.
<b>AB 486</b> <b>VETOED</b> (1999)  Sen 24-16 Assm 12-5	Wayne	Administrative Procedure Act	<u>As Enrolled:</u> Amends the Administrative Practice Act to add procedural requirements for the adoption, amendment or repeal of advisory interpretations and non-controversial regulations.
<b>AB 496</b> <b>Chap. 769</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 79-0	Leach	Government Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Exempts a county board of supervisors from the Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act when negotiating and executing a contract between the county's health plan and a health care provider.
<b>AB 497</b> <b>Chap. 224,</b> Stats 2000  Sen 39-0 Assm 68-0	Gallegos	Business & Professions Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Allows a dentist to establish an additional place of practice if specified conditions are met.
<b>AB 504</b> <b>DIED</b>	Zettel	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Prohibits a plan contract from including a provision that requires physicians or physician groups to be at risk for pharmacy benefits as a condition of accepting a risk-based contract.

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<b>AB 515</b> <b>Chap. 804</b> Stats. 99  Sen 28-12 Assm 60-15	Wright	Public Records Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Exempts from disclosure under the Public Records Act, information regarding persons paid by the state to provide in-home supportive services or personal care services, except as provided.
<b>AB 525</b> <b>Chap. 347</b> Stats. 00 Sen 23-12 Assm 47-25	Kuehl & Thomson	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Requires plans that cover hospital, medical, and surgical benefits to provide a specified statement regarding access to family planning and contraceptive services in the plan's provider directory and evidence of coverage and disclosure forms.
<b>AB 536</b> <b>VETOED</b> (2000)  Sen 35-0 Assm 72-4	Reyes	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Establishes the Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of paying the cost of human leukocyte testing for A, B, and DR antigens for utilization in bone marrow transplantation.
<b>AB 549</b> <b>Chap. 825</b> Stats. 99  Sen 24-9 Assm 77-0	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Requires plans to disclose to the public upon request the criteria used to authorize or deny health care services, as specified; requires plans and their contracting provider groups to provide providers, terminate contracts or fail to renew contracts; and requires plans to conduct an annual enrollee disenrollment survey, as specified.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Provides that at the request of a hospital, the Office of Statewide Planning and Development may commission an independent study of the need and feasibility of a hospital construction project which meets the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's requirements for purposes of a mortgage loan insurance program for health-related facilities.
<b>AB 573</b> <b>DIED</b>	Cardenas	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Requires plans to provide coverage for auditory prostheses for hearing impaired individuals that are 64 years of age or younger.
<b>AB 591</b> <b>DIED</b>	Wayne	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Requires plans to cover patient costs for plan enrollees participating in specified clinical trials.
<b>AB 610</b> <b>DIED</b>	Jackson	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Enacts "The Childhood Cancer Clinical Trials Act of 1999," which requires plans to cover the routine patient care costs incurred in connection with approved clinical trial programs for the treatment of children's cancer.

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<b>AB 691 DIED</b>	Assembly Health Committee	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Prohibits a provider organization, as defined, from assuming any financial risk from a plan for pharmaceutical benefits unless the provider organization (1) directly contracts with pharmaceutical companies or pharmaceutical benefit management companies, (2) negotiates and establishes the composition of the pharmaceutical benefit package, and (3) develops and controls the use of a formulary.
<b>AB 698 DIED</b>	Corbett	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Requires risk-bearing provider organizations to meet certain requirements.
<b>AB 724 Chap. 784 Stats.99</b>  Sen 33-2 Assm 77-0	Dutra & Alquist	Business & Professions & Civil Codes	<u>As Enacted:</u> Changes the operative date to after July 1, 2001, unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) as to when state agencies must have complaint forms on the internet for individuals to register complaints about the agency's performance and as to when state agencies must display certain information if the agency utilizes any method, device, identifier, or other database application on the internet to electronically collect personal information regarding any user. Makes other changes to address Y2K problems.
<b>AB 726 VETOED</b> (2000) Sen 28-10 Assm 43-31	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enrolled:</u> This bill would require a converting health care service plan's set aside for charitable purposes to be transferred to the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund for the purposes of the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program, and would thereby make an appropriation.
<b>AB 735 DIED</b>	Knox	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Increases penalties relating to nonpayment of provider claims; revises procedures for reimbursing provider claims; and requires plans to disclose specified information in provider contracts.
<b>AB 791 Chap. 403 Stats. 99</b>  Sen 39-0 Assm 80-0	Thomson	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Requires that pain management and end-of-life care be added to curriculum requirements for persons entering medical school on or after June 1, 2000. Requires that licensed health care facilities, as a condition of licensure, include pain as an item to be assessed at the same time vital signs are taken.
<b>AB 794 Chap. 444, Stats. 99</b>  Sen 38-0 Assm 80-0	Corbett	Civil, Civil Procedure, Evidence & Labor codes	<u>As Introduced and Enacted:</u> Addresses issues of access to personal and employment records required to be made available pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum. Makes technical changes to various codes dealing with subpoenas.



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<b>AB 858</b> <b>Chap. 106</b> Stats. 00  Sen 35-0 Assm 77-1	Kuehl	Civil Code	<p>As introduced: Prohibits a merchant or employer from requesting or requiring the consumer to waive any statutory, constitutional, or common law rights or protections in order to enter into a defined consumer contract.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Provides that the exemption under the Bank and Corporation Tax Law for income from certain sources shall also apply to income, gain, or loss from stocks or securities received by an alien corporation whose sole activities in this state involve trading in those stocks or securities for the corporation's own account, with specified exemptions.</p>
<b>AB 888</b> <b>DIED</b>	Wayne	Knox-Keene Act	<p>As Introduced: Requires plans to prepare a calculation of actual or expected loss ratios pursuant to a formula established by the Department.</p>
<b>AB 891</b> <b>Chap. 658</b> Stats. 99  Sen 24-13 Assm 60-18	Alquist	Government, Health & Safety, & Probate Codes	<p><u>As Enacted:</u> Enacts the Health Care Decisions Law, which provides a means for a person to execute an "advance health care directive" in order to provide instructions to other persons for health care decisions under the circumstance where a person lacks the capacity to make health care decisions for himself or herself.</p>
<b>AB 892</b> <b>Chap. 528</b> Stats. 99  Sen 27-10 Assm 69-9	Alquist	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Enacted:</u> Requires plans, on or after January 1, 2002, to provide hospice care services that are at a minimum equivalent to hospice care services provided by the federal Medicare program as part of basic health care services.</p>
<b>AB 896</b> <b>DIED</b>	Alquist	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> States legislative intent language regarding medication for Alzheimer's disease.</p>
<b>AB 918</b> <b>Chap. 1043</b> Stats. 00  Sen 37-0 Assm 74-1	Keeley	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Requires plans to compute capitation payments to providers appropriately, among other things.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Exempts an electric corporation that provides distribution service for direct transactions from the obligation to provide net energy metering to a customer, if the customer participates in direct transactions with an electric supplier that does not offer net energy metering.</p>

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<b>AB 936</b> <b>Chap. 716</b> Stats. 99  Sen 26-6 Assm 56-18	Reyes	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Permits an individual who was provided with incorrect information about the guaranteed issuance of a new Medicare supplement policy from a plan that terminated coverage of a Medicare policy to submit a declaration to the Department and receive an additional 60-day period of open enrollment.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Entitles persons who were terminated by a Medicare managed care plan during September 1998 through December 1998 to an open enrollment period for any Medicare supplement contract available on a guaranteed basis under state and federal law, and entitled persons terminated by a Medicare managed care plan after January 1, 1999 to a 60-day open enrollment period for all Medicare supplement contracts in addition to, and consecutive to, any other open enrollment period provided under either federal or state law.</p>
<b>AB 1013</b> <b>Chap. 446</b> Stats. 99  Sen 72-6 Assm 30-3	Scott	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Amended:</u> Amends the procedures for a plan's payment of provider claims. Provides a private cause of action against a plan for failing to follow the procedures. Provides for treble damages and attorneys' fees in an action against a plan for failing to follow statutory provider payment procedures. Requires a plan to pay a provider for copies of enrollee medical records. Increases the penalties that the Department may seek against a plan for violations of provisions in the Knox-Keene Act. Requires a plan to reimburse a non-contracting provider at the provider's usual and customary rates.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Personnel Administration (DPA) and Bargaining Units 16, 17, 18, and 19. Makes other changes to various provisions relating to civil service and employer-employee relations between the state and its employees.</p>
<b>AB 1032</b> <b>Chap. 701</b> Stats. 00  Sen 30-1 Assm 73-1	Thomson	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Enacted:</u> Expands the definition of "small employer" to include federally recognized California Indian tribes, for purposes of the various requirements on plans with respect to small employer health care coverage.</p>
<b>AB 1043</b> <b>DIED</b>	Shelley	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Requires the Department to collect an assessment of 25 cents per enrollee from plans to fund poison control centers.</p> <p><u>As Amended:</u> Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to conduct a comprehensive review of the environmental health conditions in portable classrooms.</p>

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<b>AB 1053</b> <b>Chap. 248</b> Stats. 00  Sen 39-0 Assm 68-0	Thomson	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Prohibits a plan contract from including the cost of prescription drugs or pediatric vaccines in the capitation and related payment of the provider.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Appropriates moneys for the purpose of the traumatic brain injury program, which is administered by the Department of Mental Health</p>
<b>AB 1061</b> <b>DIED</b>	McClintock	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Repeals specified health care programs. Provides a refundable income tax credit for medical costs for taxpayers whose incomes are 100% to 200% of the federal poverty level. Appropriates an amount equal to the revenues saved by the elimination of the health care programs for the refunds.</p>
<b>AB 1099</b> <b>Chap. 843,</b> Stats. 99  Sen 29-0 Assm 55-21	Shelley	Public Records Act	<p><u>As introduced:</u> Amends the Public Records Act to (1) provide that a copy of computerized data shall be provided in any form that is requested from among any of the forms used by the agency for the conduct of its business or for the making of copies for its own use or the use of any other agency and (2) prohibit a state or local agency from purchasing, leasing, creating, or otherwise acquiring any electronic data processing system for the storage, manipulation, or retrieval of public records if it impairs public examination or electronic copying of public records.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Provides that the Secretary of State shall designate State Constitutional Amendment 11 (Indian tribe gambling) to appear as Proposition 1A on the March 7, 2000 ballot.</p>
<b>AB 1145</b> <b>DIED</b>	Ashburn	Knox-Keene Act  Welfare & Institutions Code	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Requires plans to cover and reimburse expenses for the treatment of an emergency medical condition, including ambulance transportation, regardless of whether the treatment was obtained without prior authorization.</p> <p><u>As Amended:</u> Amends the Welfare &amp; Institutions Code to require emergency services and care to be deemed medically necessary and to be covered under the Medi-Cal program, including emergency services and care obtained with or without prior authorization.</p>
<b>AB 1226</b> <b>VETOED</b> (2000)  Sen 40-0 Assm 65-4	Runner	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Requires plans that cover prescription drug benefits to provide coverage for appropriately prescribed pain management medications for patients with intractable pain and to approve or deny a provider's request for authorization of coverage for such pain management medications in a specified manner.</p> <p><u>As Enrolled:</u> Makes a continuous appropriation for construction of Veteran's Home of California in Lancaster.</p>

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<b>AB 1234</b> <b>Chap. 393</b> Stats. 99  Sen 25-12 Assm 79-0	Shelley	Government Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Amends the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to (1) require notices of regular and emergency meetings of a state body (including advisory committees) to be available on its web site, (2) require the minutes of a state body's emergency meeting to be available on its web site for at least 10 days, (3) provide that the provisions of this bill shall not be implemented until July 1, 2001, unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Information Technology pursuant to a specified executive order, and (4) extends the timeframe from 30 to 60 days for filing an action seeking judicial determination of a violation.
<b>AB 1283</b> <b>DIED</b>	Baugh	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Declares the intent of the Legislature to create an independent review process applicable to all coverage decisions.
<b>AB 1285</b> <b>DIED</b>	Baugh	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Would amend the Knox-Keene Act to set forth procedures and timeframes for plans for reviewing and responding to requests by providers for authorization of coverage for treatment for enrollees that are based on medical necessity or appropriateness.
<b>AB 1308</b> <b>DIED</b>	Granlund	Knox-Keene Act  Business & Professions Code	<u>As Introduced:</u> Requires plans to provide coverage for orthotic and prosthetic devices and services.  <u>As Amended:</u> Amends the Business & Professions Code to provide for the licensure and regulation of practitioners of prosthetics and orthotics and creates the Prosthetic and Orthotic Board in the Department of Consumer Affairs.
<b>AB 1312</b> <b>DIED</b>	Machado	Public Records Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Spot bill. Provides that nothing in the Public Records Act shall be construed to exempt from disclosure any report or analysis that forms any part of an agency's decision to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative regulation.
<b>AB 1356</b> <b>DIED</b>	Strickland	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Reduces the time for a plan to respond to an enrollee grievance from 30 to 21 days, and requires a plan to include on its quarterly report to the Department all enrollee complaints unresolved after 21 days.
<b>AB 1359</b> <b>DIED</b>	Calderon	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> State that it is the intent of the Legislature to transfer the regulation of managed care oversight to the Health Care Oversight Agency under the direction of the State Surgeon General.  <u>As Amended:</u> Prohibits the reuse of certain medical devices.
<b>AB 1380</b> <b>DIED</b>	Villaraigosa	Knox-Keene Act  Civil Code	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Would increase the limitation for non-economic damages in medical malpractice cases (i.e., MICRA) by a cost-of-living adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index.

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<b>AB 1419</b> <b>Chap. 523</b> Stats. 00  Sen 40-0 Assm 74-1	Longville	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Requires full service plans to file certain revenue and expense information annually with the Department and requires the Department to compile this information in an annual report.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Authorizes California Transportation Commission to relinquish State Highway Route 209 to the City of San Diego as specified.
<b>AB 1455</b> <b>Chap. 827</b> Stats. 00  Sen 34-0 Assm 73-2	Scott	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Prohibits a health care service plan from engaging in an unfair payment pattern, as defined. Authorizes the director to investigate a report of this conduct, and permits a provider to report this conduct to the Department. Authorizes the director, upon a final determination that a plan has engaged in an unfair payment pattern, to impose sanctions on the plan. Increases the interest rate on an uncontested provider claim that is not paid by the plan within a prescribed time period to 15% per annum and imposes a \$10 charge on a plan that fails to automatically include this interest amount in its payment to a provider. Requires the Department to adopt regulations defining the terms "unfair payment pattern" and "unfair billing practice" and to adopt regulations pertaining to the plan's provider dispute resolution mechanism. Requires a health care service plan to ensure its dispute resolution mechanism is available to non-contracting providers and to submit an annual report to the Department regarding this mechanism. Requires the Department to convene appropriate agencies to make recommendations to the Legislature and Governor by July 1, 2001, regarding a system to respond to unfair billing patterns
<b>AB 1465</b> <b>Chap. 317</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 79-0	Machado	Knox-Keene Act  Insurance Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Amends the law regarding multiple employer welfare arrangements to change the filing date for audited financial statements and actuarial opinions, requires Department of Insurance, in consultation with the Department, to evaluate the multiple employer welfare arrangements and report to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2002, and extends the sunset date for laws governing multiple employer welfare arrangements (from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2004).
<b>AB 1497</b> <b>Chap. 910</b> Stats. 99  Sen 24-11 Assm 69-8	Floyd & Oller	Public Contract Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Prohibits a state agency from purchasing any printer or duplication cartridge for which the manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, retailer, or re-manufacturer places restrictions on the recycling or re-manufacturing of that cartridge by any other person, and requires each state agency to notify all bidders of this prohibition through a printed statement on bid packages.
<b>AB 1501</b> <b>DIED</b>	Correa	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Requires plans to provide enrollees with information regarding alternatives to a hysterectomy when the enrollee is diagnosed with a condition or disease in which a hysterectomy is a possible treatment for the condition or disease.

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<b>AB 1503 DIED</b>	Baugh	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> For plans offering point-of-service plan contracts, increases the ceiling on quarterly health care expenditures for out-of-network services to point-of-service plan enrollees from 8% of the plan's total health care expenditures to 10%.
<b>AB 1558 Chap. 922 Stats. 99</b>  Sen 36-0 Assm 77-1	Wildman	Business & Professions Code	<u>As Introduced:</u> Makes the unauthorized practice of medicine a misdemeanor or a felony. States legislative intent that the provisions of law regarding the unlawful practice of medicine apply to health care administrators who engage in the practice of medicine by making unspecified medical decisions.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Relates to a physician and surgeon's responsibility to maintain the integrity, proper identification, and patient privacy of samples and specimens obtained from a patient.
<b>AB 1577 DIED</b>	Pacheco	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Seeks to create an independent review process applicable to coverage decisions.
<b>AB 1590 DIED</b>	Villaraigosa	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Prohibits a plan from requiring an enrollee to obtain services from a particular primary care physician who was selected by the plan if the enrollee, after meeting and evaluating the physician, desires to select a different primary care physician from the available primary care physicians who contract with the plan.
<b>AB 1621 DIED</b>	Thomson, Baugh, Calderon	Knox-Keene Act  Business & Professions Code	<u>As Introduced:</u> Establishes an independent review system for resolving enrollee complaints against plans; expedites plan and Department review of enrollee complaints; expands the Attorney General's role regarding enrollee complaints; and revises the definition of practice of medicine.  <u>As Amended:</u> Revises the definition of the practice of medicine and expands the Attorney General's role regarding enrollee complaints against plans.
<b>AB 1669 Chap. 688 Stats. 00</b>  Sen 40-0 Assm 77-0	Assembly Judiciary	Knox-Keene Act  Business & Professions, Civil, Civil Procedures, Government, & Health & Safety Codes	<u>As Amended:</u> Makes various non-substantive revisions to existing law including the Knox-Keene Act.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Makes non-controversial charges to the civil law and procedure, and one change to Vehicle Code.
<b>AB 1672 Chap. 892, Stats. 99</b>  Sen 35-0 Assm 68-0	Assembly Judiciary	Knox-Keene Act  Civil Procedures Code	<u>As Introduced:</u> Makes a technical change to the Knox-Keene Act.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Assembly Judiciary's annual omnibus civil practice and procedure bill, dealing with, among other things, legal document assistants, process servers, bonds, administrative penalties, in forma pauperis fee waivers, and auditors and tax collectors.

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<b>AB 1683 DIED</b>	Assembly Information Technology	Public Records Act	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Specifies that provisions of the Public Records Act shall not be construed to prohibit a state or local agency from maintaining a searchable Internet database, as long as specified personal information of elected or appointed officials cannot be accessed by that database.
<b>AB 1692 Chap. 339, Stats. 99</b>  Sen 40-0 Assm 76-0	Assembly Consumer Protection	Administrative Procedure Act	<u>As Amended and Enacted:</u> Revises and clarifies the procedures for a decision in an administrative hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act.
<b>AB 1722 VETOED (2000)</b> Sen 40-0 Assm 56-21	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Prohibits plans from increasing the amount of a co-payment or deductible for prescription drug benefits that have previously been approved for coverage, as specified  <u>As Enrolled:</u> Requires the Department of Health Services, 2001, to the extent that federal financial participation is available, to exercise its option under federal law as necessary to expand eligibility for Medi-Cal by exempting all resources. If federal financial participation is not available to exempt all resources, then the department would be required to continue to utilize the established method.
<b>AB 1730 Chap. 540 Stats. 00</b>  Sen 13-0 Assm 60-7	Soto	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Requires plans to approve, modify, or deny a request for a referral to a specialist, for enrollees facing an imminent serious threat to health, with 24 hours of receiving the request.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Appropriates \$1.5 million from the General Fund and \$317,000 from the Federal Trust Fund to the Department of Health Services to fund lead poisoning screening of children.
<b>AB 1734 DIED</b>	Thomson & Campbell	Knox-Keene Act  Revenue & Taxation Code	<u>As Amended:</u> Allows small employers, as defined, the option of taking a direct tax credit for a percentage of employee health care coverage costs, in lieu of the existing expense deduction; and requires the Department to forward to the FTB at least annually a list of all full-service plan licensees.
<b>AB 1740 Chap. 52 Stats. 00</b>  Sen 27-9 Assm 61-18	Ducheny		2000-2001 Budget Bill

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<b>AB 1751 DIED</b>	Kuehl	Knox-Keene Act Civil Code	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Prohibits a plan application or contract from including a provision requiring or requesting subscribers or enrollees to submit to binding arbitration to resolve disputes which arise under the contract.
<b>AB 1759 VETOED</b> (2000) Sen 37-0 Assm 76-0	Papan	Government Code	<u>As Enrolled:</u> Requires every state agency that maintains an Internet site to list all reports and studies initiated and prepared by the agency that are otherwise subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act
<b>AB 1793 DIED</b>	Wayne	Business & Professions Code	<u>As Introduced:</u> Consumers: Internet Privacy Protection Act of 2000.
<b>AB 1822 Chap. 1060</b> Stats. 00  Sen 40-0 Assm 71-0	Wayne	Administrative Procedures Act	<u>As Introduced and Amended:</u> Makes various revisions to rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.  <u>As Enacted:</u> Relating to the Administrative Procedure Act, provides for the use of electronic communications in the delivery and publication of notices and rulemaking documents, but provides that electronic communication is not to be the exclusive means by which the documents are published or distributed. Authorizes state agencies to consult with interested persons before initiating regulatory action.
<b>AB 1836 Chap. 1068</b> Stats. 00  Sen 40-0 Assm 77-0	Bates	Knox-Keene Act Civil Code	<u>As Enacted:</u> Amends the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act to require plans, providers, and contractors to release confidential medical information to, to the county coroner in the course of an investigation by the coroner's office, in specified circumstances and authorizes disclosure in other circumstances.
<b>AB 1887 DIED</b>	Cedillo	Insurance Code	<u>As Amended:</u> Establishes the Healthy Californians Program to provide health coverage to employees and their dependents, as defined.
<b>*AB 2039 DIED</b>	Kuehl	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Amended:</u> Provides that a person who has suffered significant financial loss must exhaust the independent review system prior to filing a lawsuit, unless exhaustion of the system would be futile.

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<b>AB 2168</b> <b>Chap. 426</b> Stats. 00  Sen 40-0 Assm 77-0	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted</u> : Requires that with regard to an enrollee with HIV or AIDS that the eligibility requirement for standing referrals be interpreted broadly.
<b>AB 2193</b> <b>DIED</b>	Baldwin	Civil Code	<u>As Introduced</u> : Biometric and Personal Information.
<b>AB 2246</b> <b>Chap. 1039</b> Stats. 00  Sen 26-6 Assm 58-17	Wayne	Civil Code	<u>As Enacted</u> : Requires businesses to dispose of all records containing a customer's personal information by destroying the records.
<b>AB 2261</b> <b>DIED</b>	Zettel	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced</u> : States Legislative intent that plans should be authorized to directly enroll eligible applicants in the Health Families Program. (spot bill.)  <u>As Amended</u> : Deals solely with provisions of the Healthy Families Program that are administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and with provisions of the Medi-Cal program that are administered by the Department of Health Services.
<b>AB 2262</b> <b>DIED</b>	Ackerman	Knox-Keene Act  Civil Code	<u>As Introduced</u> : Places a limit on the amount of punitive damages that may be recovered against a plan, among other things.
<b>AB 2265</b> <b>Chap. 578</b> Stats. 00  Sen 27-10 Assm 44-28	Aroner	Knox-Keene Act  Insurance, & Welfare & Institutions Codes	<u>As Introduced</u> : Requires plans to provide reimbursement to physicians, registered nurses, and other health care professionals for the provision of end-of-life care consisting of patient education and patient family education relating to the dying process.  <u>As Enacted</u> : Appropriation bill for West Contra Costa County Unified School District.
<b>AB 2327</b> <b>Chap. 139</b> Stats. 00  Assm 74-0	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted</u> : Health Care Coverage: Consumer Information Programs: Confidentiality of Communications. Extends specified protections and immunities in existing law to the Health Rights Hotline, a program operated by the Center for Health Care Rights for another three years and also applies protections to six additional Health Consumer Assistance programs and Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Programs relating to discrimination and retaliation.

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<b>AB 2332 DIED</b>	Mazzoni	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Prohibits any person from engaging in the business in California as a dental management service organization unless this person becomes licensed as a plan.
<b>AB 2414 Chap. 1065 Stats. 00  Assm 74-0</b>	Firebaugh	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Prohibits a disease management organization, as defined, from engaging in certain activities without prior physician authorization. Authorizes disclosure of medical information by a health care provider or a health care service plan to a disease management organization that is in compliance with the above-referenced physician authorization requirement. Prohibits a disease management organization from soliciting or offering for sale any products or services to an enrollee of a health care service plan while providing disease management services unless, as specified, the enrollee elects to obtain information about those products and services.
<b>AB 2611 Chap. 828 Stats. 00  Sen 23-13 Assm 72-0</b>	Gallegos	Knox-Keene Act	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Requires Medi-Cal health care service plans, private 3rd-party payers, and health care service plans to be responsible for making available designated emergency hospital and physician services. Since the willful violation of the provisions governing a health care service plan is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program by changing the definition of a crime.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Requires the Senate Office of Research to conduct a comprehensive study of the hospital emergency room department on-call coverage issue in California, to convene a working group of affiliated California stakeholders and to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2002, with recommendations to address the California emergency room on-call issues.</p>
<b>AB 2765 DIED</b>	Knox	Knox-Keene Act  Revenue & Taxation Code	<u>As Amended:</u> Allows small employers, as defined, the option of taking a direct tax credit for a percentage of employee health care coverage costs in lieu of the existing expense deduction; and requires the Department to forward to the Franchise Tax Board at least annually a list of all full-service plan licensees.
<b>AB 2781 DIED</b>	Oller	Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Introduced:</u> Makes non-substantive changes to Health & Safety Code §1343 by correcting erroneous cross-references and changing the reference of the "Major Risk Medical Insurance Board" to the "Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board".
<b>AB 2797 Chap. 278 Stats. 00  Sen 38-0 Assm 74-0</b>	Papan	Civil Code	<p><u>As Introduced:</u> Confidentiality of Health, Medical, or Genetic Information.</p> <p><u>As Enacted:</u> Prohibits insurance companies and their affiliates from disclosing individually identifiable information concerning the health of, or the medical or genetic history of, a customer, to depository institutions and other third parties, for use with regard to the granting of credit.</p>

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<b>AB 2799</b> <b>Chap. 982</b> Stats. 00  Sen 34-0 Assm 72-2	Shelley	Public Records Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> Amends the Public Records Act to (1) require any state or local agency that has identifiable public records in an electronic format to make that information available in electronic format, unless otherwise prohibited by law, (2) require an agency that withholds a public record to justify its withholding in writing, and (3) authorize an agency or the superior court to disclose or order to be disclosed any record made exempt by express provisions of the act if, on the facts of the particular case, the public interest served by disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by not disclosing the record.
<b>*AB 2903</b> <b>Chap. 857</b> Stats. 00  Sen 40-0 Assm 78-0 <b>ACR 73</b> <b>R Chap. 116,</b> Stats. 99  Sen 40-0 Assm 74-0	Assembly Health Comm.   Thomson & Wayne	Knox-Keene Act   Knox-Keene Act	<u>As Enacted:</u> A bill sponsored by DMHC that makes various technical clean up and other minor changes to certain 1999 Assembly Bills regarding managed care. Also includes changing the Department's name from "Department of Managed Care" to "Department of Managed Health Care."  <u>As Introduced:</u> Urges health insurers and plans to provide expeditious access to diagnostic and screening tests to ensure medically appropriate and cost-effective use of innovative treatments for life-threatening diseases and conditions when the diagnostic and screening tests are recommended by professional treatment guidelines.

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